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Letter dated 1 December 2009 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) which was established by the Security Council under resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007.

As you are aware, in its presidential statement of 19 December 2006 (S/PRST/2006/55), the Security Council endorsed the communiqué of the 66th meeting of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, in which it is stated that the Special Representative for UNAMID shall be jointly appointed by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations after appropriate consultations.

In this regard, following consultations with the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, I would like to inform you that it is our intention to appoint Ibrahim Gambari (Nigeria) as Joint Special Representative for UNAMID with effect from 1 January 2010. Mr. Gambari succeeds Rodolphe Adada, who served as Joint Special Representative for UNAMID from the establishment of the mission until July 2009. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Adada for his exemplary service during his tenure in UNAMID. I would also like to express my appreciation to Henry K. Anyidoho, who has served as Officer-in-Charge of UNAMID since Mr. Adada's departure.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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